

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 14-20 are pending in the present amendment. Claims 16-20 are amended by the present amendment without adding new matter.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 14 and 15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over Dieudonne et al. (French Patent No. 2,542,869, herein “Dieudonne”) and Kawamori (U.S. Patent 5,598,178), and Claims 16-18 were indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Entry of the present amendment is respectfully requested as the present amendment rewrites allowable Claims 16-20 in independent form as suggested in the outstanding Office Action.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter. In view of that indication, Claims 16-20 have been rewritten in independent form including the features of their base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that Claims 16-20 are in condition for allowance.

Claims 14 and 15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over Dieudonne in view of Kawamori. That rejection is respectfully traversed.

Applicant notes that the outstanding Office Action states at page 3, lines 1-4, that certain features of the claimed display device are disclosed in column 12, lines 30-34, in Kawamori. Further, Applicant notes that column 12, lines 30-34, of Kawamori refer to Claim 8. However, Applicant respectfully submits that in *In re Benno*, 226 USPQ 683, 686 (Fed. Cir. 1985), the court specifically stated “[t]he scope of a patent’s claims determines what infringes the patent; it is no measure of what it discloses.” Thus, it is respectfully submitted

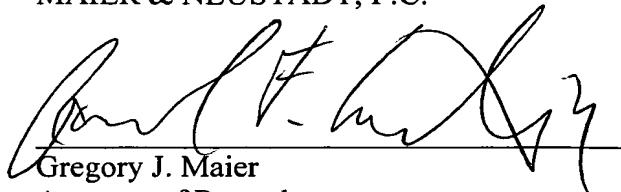
that the claims of an applied patent cannot be used as a teaching that is intended to describe something beyond the disclosed embodiments from which it is clear that dummy capacities are not coupling capacities. Thus, all that Claim 8 of Kawamori states is that dummy capacities in a line are virtually equal to the capacities of a line of actual display elements and this is not the subject matter of Claim 14 relating to "each corresponding coupling capacitance" having "a value close to a sum of coupling capacitances formed between a given selection line and columns which said given selection line crosses."

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that independent Claim 14 and dependent Claim 15 patentably distinguish over Dieudonne and Kawamori, either alone or in combination.

Consequently, in light of the above discussion and in view of the present amendment, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance and an early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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